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Koichi HIROTA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3627  
Application No.: 09/880,926 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: June 15, 2001 )  
For: VEHICULAR DOOR LATCH )  
OPERATION CONTROL DEVICE )

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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- ☐ Note that the inventor(s) identified on the currently filed Combined  
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- ☐ Small Entity Status is hereby claimed;
- ☐ a Request for Refund;
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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